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The BLURB



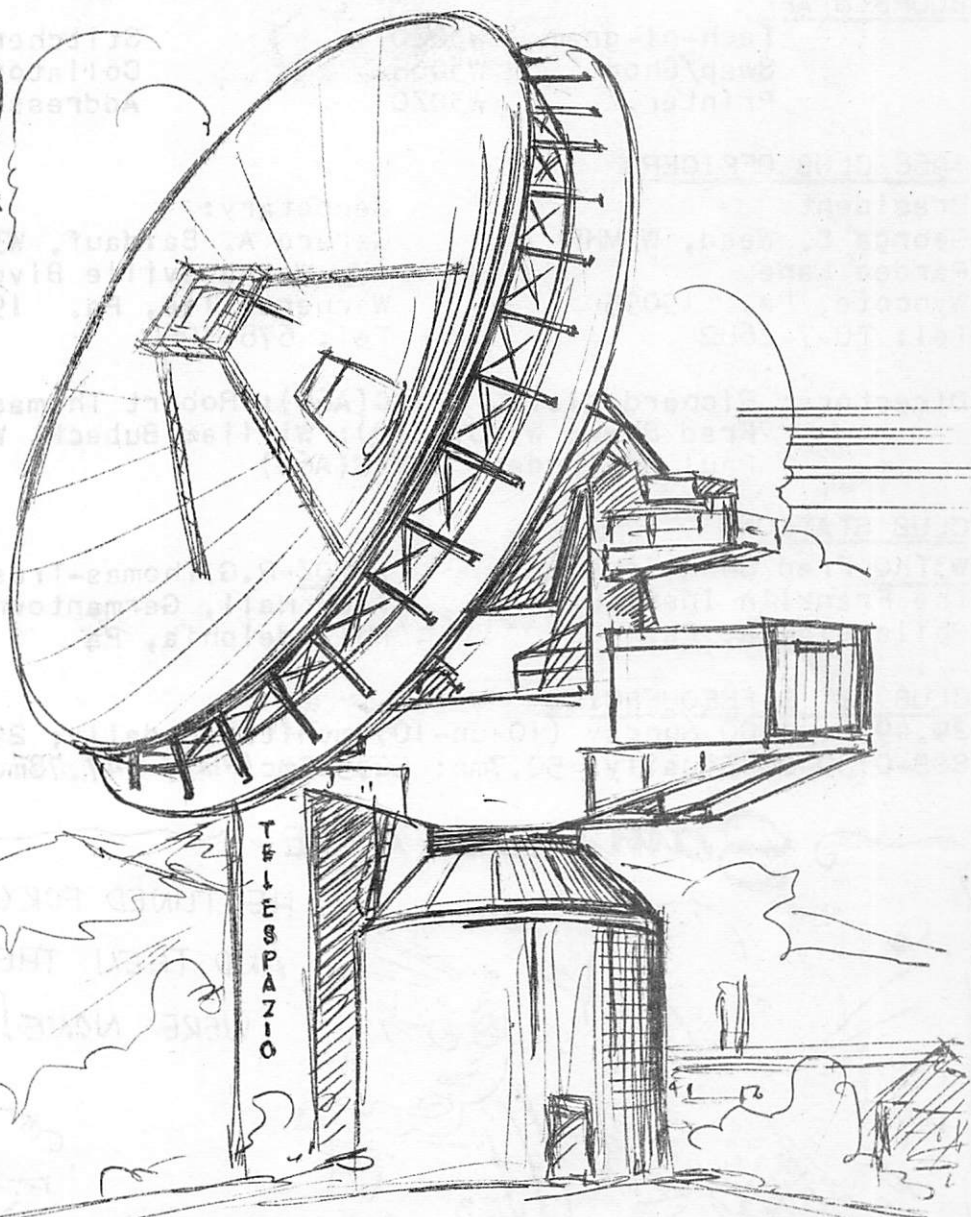
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The BLURB is published monthly by and for the members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc. Our purpose is to further the interest of amateur radio in general and mobile radio in particular. We endeavor to keep the news accurate, interesting and educational. Copying and quoting is permitted, with a credit line and we gladly exchange subscriptions with other clubs.

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CLUB NET & FREQUENCIES

29.493mc-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mc 2nd Freq.; 3993kc
SSB-0730-0845 daily; 50.7mc; 52.525mc(FM); 147.78mc.

Sam's HALF ACRE

HE TUNED FOR CH-1
AND THEN THERE
WERE NONE!



THE PREZ SEZ

The list of committees for 1968 appears elsewhere in this issue of the BLURB. If your call is not included in this list and you would like to serve, please let it be known, either to the committee chairman, or to me. Help is always welcome, as is constructive criticism and your idea.

Up to this point some members have indicated that the BLURB is our most important vehicle in cementing the club together and getting to know each other better. So, if you have something to say (that is ~~printable~~ printable) let Bob know by sending your comments to him. I'm sure he will welcome your contribution.

To start the ball rolling, I've sent Bob a somewhat senseless article, which has absolutely nothing to do with amateur radio, but which may be good for a few "yuks". It's the first of a series about the WWII experiences about your fearless leader aboard the USS Birdfish, sometimes known as "The Chicken of the Sea". or "Chickenship". It may be hard to believe, but there are at least a few threads of truth running through these yarns.

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W3MHR

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IT SEEMS TO ME

One of the big advantages of being the Editor of this fine publication is the opportunity to read what everyone else says and then, at the last possible moment, to sit down and write clever (?) material in agreement with, or opposition to, the contributors.

This month I must be agreeable. For some time I have been trying to persuade George to contribute a humorous story, and this month he did it. (Part of it, anyway). There is no doubt in my mind that we have many people in the club who are capable of writing material which we could use in the BLURB. Why not send it along? Don't worry about the composition, grammar, spelling, or anything else. The reason that the club pays me such a fabulous salary is because I am supposed to be able to edit such contributions. Put me to work - see if I really can do the job.

Seriously fellows, why not send something to Ye Olde Ed ? Certainly we can use it, and maybe it is just what someone else would like to see. The BLURB this month is a good example of what we can have when we get the material. There just isn't time for one person to ferret out enough information every month to make a real full issue. We need your help.

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de K3KUD

PHIL-MONT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Monday Feb 5 8:00 PM Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute
Wednesday Feb 14 8:00 PM Mid-month meeting at W3QQH
Monday Feb 26 7:30 PM BLURB folding at W3QQH

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JANUARY MEETING REPORT

The Regular Meeting for January was held at the Franklin Institute on Monday the 8th with George Weed, W3MHR, presiding. Fred Shaw, W3ADV presented and discussed the Budget for 1968 and Chuck Snyder, W3NIP, presented the Audit Committee report. Both the Budget and the report were accepted by the members present.

Dave Anderson, WA2RDC, presented the Treasurer's Report for 1967, and this was also accepted by the membership. A discussion of committee assignments by W3MHR and a report on the Communication Vehicle by Jim Spencer, W3QQH, completed the major portion of the business.

Paul Bohlander, W3VVS, Program Chairman, discussed the committee's plans and needs for future meetings. The committee is lining-up some very interesting material and there should be some good programs in store. Ed Jars, K3TKZ, introduced three visitors, one of whom was Enie Bartol, K3GNJ, a past-president of Phil-Mont.

The entertainment portion of the program was a movie, furnished by the U.S. Navy via Al Bubeck, K3GNM. The picture was entitled "Jets Aboard" and demonstrated some of the methods used and the problems encountered in launching and recovering jet aircraft from carriers.

The evening was concluded by the serving of coffee and doughnuts by Fred Bauer, WA3DMR and Doug, WA3DSP.

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The program for our February meeting promises to be an interesting one. Someone has prevailed upon Ed Arvonio, W3LYP, to talk to a bunch of mobile-ers! Ed will discuss receiver modification and evaluation and will slant his discussion toward the equipment which many Philmonters use on ten and seventy-five meters. This is a subject with which Ed is very familiar and an area in which he is quite capable. We heartily recommend that you all make an effort to be present and hear this talk.

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Bob Brangan, K3NYL, our brand-new Treasurer tells us that he will be married on January 20. We wish Bob and his bride the very best and want him to know that we are not REALLY worried about the Club money, just don't stay away too long!

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CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Jim Spencer, W3QQH, tells us that the Comm Vehicle is proceeding very well. The painting is finished, the counter-tops are being installed, and the electric heaters have been obtained and installed. Jim will soon start placing the equipment and then the wiring will begin. Still to be done are such things as finally installing the generator, and obtaining and installing the air-conditioning equipment. Jim has done another outstanding job on this vehicle and has received some excellent cooperation with the work accomplished, but as always, more help is needed. Contact W3QQH and ask him what you can contribute to this big project.

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What ever happened to all the gung-ho Army/Navy/Air-Force MARS types? We would be very happy to publish information relative to any or all of these fine organizations, but we need someone to give us the news, information and data. Send the material to Ye Olde Ed and we'll do the rest.

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Now that he is no longer Prez, Bill Bubeck, W3YHV, is working like mad to complete the camper bus. He may yet become Phil-Mont's chief remote station. Imagine that, our own DX-pedition!

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Have you paid your 1968 dues? Do not permit the club to go broke, or the Treasurer to become frustrated - send money!

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Little things that no one tells us. Just before Lloyd Sherman, W3CDY, was forced to give up the editorship of the BLURB, he and the the BLURB, received an award as one of the four best publications in the Amateur Radio Editor's Association (AREA). We found this out almost by accident, but it certainly doesn't lessen the sincerity of our congratulations to Lloyd, or our pride in the BLURB.

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Would you believe that eight of the active members of Phil-Mont are employed by the U.S.Navy at the Naval Base? No wonder there are so many boat anchors at every auction!

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There are some tentative plans afoot for Phil-Mont to assist the Valley Forge Council of the Boy Scouts with some of their summer plans. This assistance will probably take the form of providing communication and at the same time setting-up a dempnstration station for visitors. We expect to have more on this subject in the very near future.

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CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

With deep regret we note the passing of the wife of Mel Lucas, K3ABT. The death occurred on December 30, 1967 and the club and the BLURB staff extend sympathy to Mel on his loss.

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There are plans afoot to make up a new Club Directory this year. Prez George Weed is setting up the committee for this very difficult job before too long you will be hearing more about it. Please cooperate by furnishing any information requested as quickly as possible in order that the material can be assembled and published.

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We note from reading our exchange publications that some of the clubs in this area seem to have difficulty with the mail delivery of their papers. As far as we know at BLURB headquarters (wherever that is) we are not having such problems since we shifted to first class mail. If any of the members are not receiving the BLURB, or are receiving it late, we would like to know about it. Let Ye Olde Ed or Jim Spencer have the information, and we will try to straighten it out.

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Official Bulletin 144 of 30 November 1967 states: FCC has adopted, essentially as proposed in Docket 17377, revised rules for identification of amateur stations. In effect, tailending will become legal on 15 January when the rules will require the identification of both stations only at the end of a QSO. Also, mobile and portable stations need only indicate the call area of operation, rather than the geographical location now required on phone. January, 1968 QST carries full details.

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Are you working on your Advanced/Extra Class? Time is slipping by.

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Ye Olde Ed received a letter from Laura Martin in which she said some very nice things about the BLURB, particularly the art work. We are glad that Laura keeps in touch with Phil-Mont, and we appreciate the thought and effort she took to write the letter.

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Paul Bohlander, W3VVS tells us that present plans for the March meeting include a talk on the Navy's Deep Diving Vehicle, TRIESTE II. This should be a most interesting program and one which is not available generally. We cordially invite members of our exchange clubs to join us and take part in this program.

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Dick Klein, W5WXC, our Senior NCS, has added a new Alternate Net Control Station for the Ten-On-Ten Net. Fred Bauer, WA3DMR is the brave soul who joins those other early morning stalwarts in running the net.

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CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Fred Shaw, W3ADV has submitted his annual report of the operation of W3TKQ. The following material was excerpted from this report:

"During 1967 W3TKQ had 393 contacts on the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club frequency in the 10 meter band and 957 contacts on the lower frequencies on our Collins SSB equipment. Many of the contacts were made with hams in countries all over the world, including Australia. We were pleased to have 198 licensed visitors to the station from the United States and 12 licensed visitors from foreign countries. The U.S. hams were from all districts except the seventh, including Alaska. The foreign countries represented were England, Chile, Israel, Ceylon, Switzerland, Argentina, Costa Rica, Okinawa, and Ireland. Making up visiting groups were students, engineers, members of the Merchant Marine and many professional people.

The new 2 and 6 meter equipment that was expected to be in operation in 1967 is not quite ready to go, but will certainly be working in 1968."

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MID-MONTH MEETING SCHEDULE

The following is a list of the Mid-month Meetings and their locations as scheduled to date. If you would like to have one of the meetings at your QTH, please let one of the officers or Ye Olde Ed know.

February 14	W3QQH
March 20	W3MHR
April 17	W3WNC (Stag Dinner)
May 22	W3QZO
June 19	Open <i>W3HES</i>
July 17	W3NIP (Annual Bath Night)
August 21	W3WXC
September 18	Open
October 16	Open
November 20	W3ADV
December 18	Open

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WARNING - RADIOACTIVE TUBES

An Army bulletin states that OA2 and OA3 regulator tubes where the identification is followed by the letters "W" or "WA" contain radioactive material. The envelopes should not be broken. Similar care should be excersised when handling 5692, 5979, or 5980 type tubes. If you should handle any of these tubes when broken you can come in contact with the internal structure which is radioactive. If you do, seek medical advice immediately!

From SPARC GAP via
Cheese Bits.

COMMITTEES FOR 1968

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Awards	W3VVS	W3ADV, W3CDY, W3GOW, W3NIP
Membership	W3OWK	W3AES, K3TKZ, W3WXC
Welcome	K3TKZ	WA3DMR
BLURB	K3KUD(Editor)	W3CDY, W3CHZ, WA3CNI, W3DYP, K3HIE, W3QQH, W3QZO, W3VVS, W3ZPP
Refreshments	WA3DMR	WA3DSP
Program	W3VVS	W3AES, K3KUD, W3YHV
Audit	W3NIP	W3ADV
Budget	W3ADV	W3GOW, K3KUD, K3NYL, W3QQH, WA2RDC, W3YHV
Net	W3WXC	WA3DMR, W3HQQ, W3KDO, W3YHV
Activities	W3WXC	W3AHP, W3JGB, W3OWK, K3SPS
Prizes	W3OWK	WA3ATP, K3SPS
W3TKQ	W3ADV	W3CDY, W3OWK, W3QQH, K3RSX
Interclub	W3PST	W3AES, K3RSX, W3VVS
Technical	W3QZO	W3AJO, K2EGF, K3GNM, K3PHC
Comm Vehicle	W3QQH	K3BJS, W3GIF, K3HIE, W3JKH
TVI	K3GNM	W3AWH, K3BJS, W3QQH, W3WNC
Field Day	K3UWO	W3AES, W3AHP, K3CEE, W3IWO, W3QQH, WA2RDC, K3SPS, W3YHV
Canoe Races	W3YHV	W3AHP, W3GOW, W3NIP, W3SMA

The following piece of literature has been supplied by our LEADER, George Weed, W3WHR. We hope you like it. (ED)

During WWII when a new submarine arrived at Pearl Harbor, two things usually happened. One; the boat went directly into drydock to get her bottom cleaned, hull openings checked, diving planes and screws looked over, etc. Two; the crew, except for a skeleton duty section, had what was known as a Ship's Party. Now a Ship's Party has little or no similarity to a Sunday School Picnic. Fun and games, Yes, but on a somewhat different plane. The crew, those pink-cheeked cherubs, feel as though this may be their last fling for a while, so they go at the refreshments with a will. Next thing you know, this enjoyable little social affair has turned into a for sure donnybrook. Comes the "bus" from the base to take us home. I say "bus" because it is not a bus. What it is is a low-slung tractor-trailer which is nothing more than a cage, which is really what we need. On the way back, the troops are doing all sorts of naughty things through the wire of the cage. Upon arrival, the Shore Patrol hoses the trailer down, crew and all, and we try to get them aboard. A narrow plank over an empty dry-dock is not the best place to handle a bunch of drunks. Finally, the crew is all bedded down - and word comes to get underway, for a shot-up destroyer is on the way in and needs the dock more than we do. The task of awakening this passed-out, motley crew fell to the Exec, the Duty Officer and Ole George, while a steward was sent to rouse the Old Man and Engineering Officer, who were sleeping theirs off in the BOQ. Our Captain and Engineer were not about to be awakened, so the Exec made his first mistake of many in judging the Old Man's personality - he decided to get underway without the boss.

Undocking, getting underway, and tying-up to a pier were uneventful, as compared with what followed. A bright and beautiful Hawaiian morning found our dear Captain barely awake, with a queasy stomach, shaky hands, terrible skull pains and a nasty outlook on life. As he walked into the brilliant sun he had but one thought in mind - get down to the boat have a cup or two of coffee and --sweet rest! With these thoughts in mind, the walk to the dry-dock was a quick one.

Now came the low blow! Instead of his dear Birdfish resting on the blocks, the Old Man found a beat-up destroyer!

If you would really like to know the outcome of this hairy experience, come up with the six bucks so you'll continue to get the BLURB!

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SPLATTER

We hear that Dick Klein, W3WXC is having trouble with his nylons - guy lines, that is - seems they keep stretching and Dick is never sure if his antenna is vertical or not.....George King, W3PXY is rumored to be on 75 meters from his home near New Hope....Paul Bohlander, W3VVS has relocated his shack from upstairs to the basement - now we'll have low-level modulation?....Bob Thomas, W3QZO is making progress on the locomotive model. He probably has nothing else to do!.....

ONE MAN'S OPINION

In a recent issue of the BLURB I read what sounded to me like maybe Phil-Mont had lost some of the ole zip and stick-to-it-ness. How we had a lousy turn-out on election night; perhaps the banquet need not be an annual affair, and such. Now I get nervous as a nudist climbing through a barbed-wire fence when I read things like this about our club.

In the same issue I had a request for some tubes I needed to put an HRO back in service. The response from fellows like WB2WJE, WB2SZF, W3VVS, K3GNM and some others produced not only the tubes but some additional information I was able to use and resulted in getting an old ham back on the air(not me) who had been absent from amateur radio for a number of years.

This does not indicate to me that we have a club on the road to oblivion, but that maybe we are getting too diversified and that a program of one goal at a time would get all hands working and talking about the same thing, everyone doing what he could to help the project to completion.

I would like to thank one and all who helped me out and made it possible for me to complete my project. We made a friend for Phil-Mont.

As our Prez Sez, "You're a nice bunch of guys".

W3ZPP

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CHANNEL CHATTER (SSB section)

Nothing much to report...The usual "old faithfuls" making themselves heard on weekday mornings with W3JGB, W3MHR, and W3YHV kicking it off by checking into the Rooster Net in the dark (I mean dark) wee small hours of the morning.....W3HFY/m also keeping us company and giving a report on the 6 meter activity during the recent VHF contest. Hal tells us that he achieved excellent SSB results.....Hal also made a suggestion that a small, low-powered SSB mobile rig solely for use on Channel 1 might not be a bad idea (especially as a club project) for the future.....W3ADF/m usually present on the second shift of late with W3NIP (upon whom we can blame all this bad weather we've been having). Chuck has been commuting to the ski runs of Vermont on the weekends.....W3SMA fighting NIP's snow and ice on the beautiful Delaware and environs.....K2EGF and WB2WJE on their safaris from New Jersey to Philly via that well known establishment "Dirty Mary's" (free advertisement)....W3ABI checking-in from Vero Beach, Florida, just to needle us about the cold weather.....Attendance has been improving on the 10-on-10 75 meter SSB Net on Sundays-16 checked-in last week.....That's it for this month - more to come.

W3CHZ

SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale: Ameco TX-62; 2/6 meter xmtr; Heath Professional Scope; Heath Twoer; Central Electronics 20A, 160-10 meter SSB transceiver; Phasemaster Bandhopper VFO for above; RCA Mark VII Transceiver on 29493 and 29520 w/transistor P/S for mobile and AC supply for base use.

Contact: Gene Mitchell
Phone: 687-7237 (day)
MO4-0593 (nite)

For Sale: E-Z-Way 60 ft. tower, model CS-6046; TR-44 rotator w/control box; fibre-glass 2-element Skyline quad for 20-15-10 meters; DowKey 72; 200 ft RG-8/U w/all control cables and wonder ground post. - Package deal\$300

Contact: Don McGuire, W3PUV
Phone: LE2-7137

Wanted: 5DEPI Scope tube.

Contact: G. Baldauf, W3JKH
Phone: 678-3984
929-7694

Wanted: Marine ship-to-shore radio; also marine DF.

Contact: B. Roeshman, W3LKI
Phone: LA5-2853

Wanted: 6 khz and 600 hz mechanical filters for Collins 51J4

500 hz or .8 khz mechanical filter for Collins 75A4

Pre-1936 QST - All issues

Pre-war ARRL handbooks - all years

Contact: Jon Balch, W3AES
145 Third Ave. Newtown Sq.
Phone: 449-2300 (day)

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Doug Crompton, WA3DSP
331 Montier Rd.
Glenside, Pa., 19038
Occupation: Student
Sponsored by: W3QQH; W3VVS

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